

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Allan D. Spritzer upon his selection to the Allen and Ruth Harris Chair of Excellence in Business at East Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary individuals who through their special endeavors are credits to their respective families, communities and professions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allan D. Spritzer is most assuredly one such superlative citizen who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Spritzer was recently selected to occupy the Allen and Ruth Harris Chair of Excellence in Business for East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the Allen and Ruth Harris Chair of Excellence in Business was created as a means to enhance the cooperative relationships and interchanges that take place between the ETSU College of Business and business leaders. The Chair seeks to assure that courses and programs of study, particularly at the M.B.A. level, will lead to the development of greater understanding of management skills and practices; and

WHEREAS, a 1971 Ph.D. graduate of Cornell University, Dr. Spritzer served for five years as assistant dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Alabama before coming to East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Spritzer has served admirably as ETSU's senior dean and under his sagacious leadership, the College of Business achieved accreditation of its Baccalaureate and Master's programs in Business Administration from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (now the International Association for Management Education) in 1987; and

WHEREAS, three years later, the college earned reaccreditation of its B.B.A. and M.B.A. programs, as well as initial accreditation of the Bachelor's and Master's programs in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Spritzer's superb leadership, the number of full-time faculty in the College of Business increased from 42 to 57 from 1981-1998; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious 17-year tenure as Dean of the College of Business at East Tennessee State University, Dr. Spritzer has also been instrumental in the development of a Computer-Integrated Manufacturing Program with the College of Applied Science and Technology, a new Masters of Public Management Program and graduate programming in health care; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his administrative responsibilities as dean, Dr. Spritzer has been deeply involved in several community organizations and activities; his most recent board memberships include the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce; the Cultural District of Johnson City; the First Tennessee Economic Development Corporation; the Greater Tri-Cities Business Alliance; the Harris Fund for Washington County; the Johnson City Development Authority; the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Economic Development Board; the National Center for Quality; and the Sequoyah Council, Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, *The Business Journal of the Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia* appropriately recognized Dr. Spritzer as one of the region's top 25 executives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Allan D. Spritzer upon his appointment to the Allen and Ruth Harris Chair of Excellence in Business, commend his meritorious service to East Tennessee State University as Dean of the College of Business, salute his expertise and dedication as an administrator, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.